AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Application No. 10/617,822

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In view of the above, applicants submit that JP '910 does not disclose or suggest the subject matter of claims 1 to 4 and 13 to 18 and, accordingly, request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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